Maritime Strategy Update

USN/USMC Warfighter Talks
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Why?

- **Ear to the Ground for 7 Months:**
  - –Seapower Not Well Understood
  - –Taken for Granted
  - –Public Fatigue w/Today’s Headlines
- **Gain and Sustain Public Support of Seapower**

Why Now?

- **Profound Change in…**
  - Technology
    - Speed of Everything
    - Everything is Knowable, Seeable and For Sale
  - Economics/Financial Markets
  - Security (Relationships and Arrangements)
  - New Actors
    - New Kinds of Political Communities
    - Decentralization of Power – Multi-polar World (e.g. Iran, N Korea)
    - China
  - Energy

COCOM Engagement

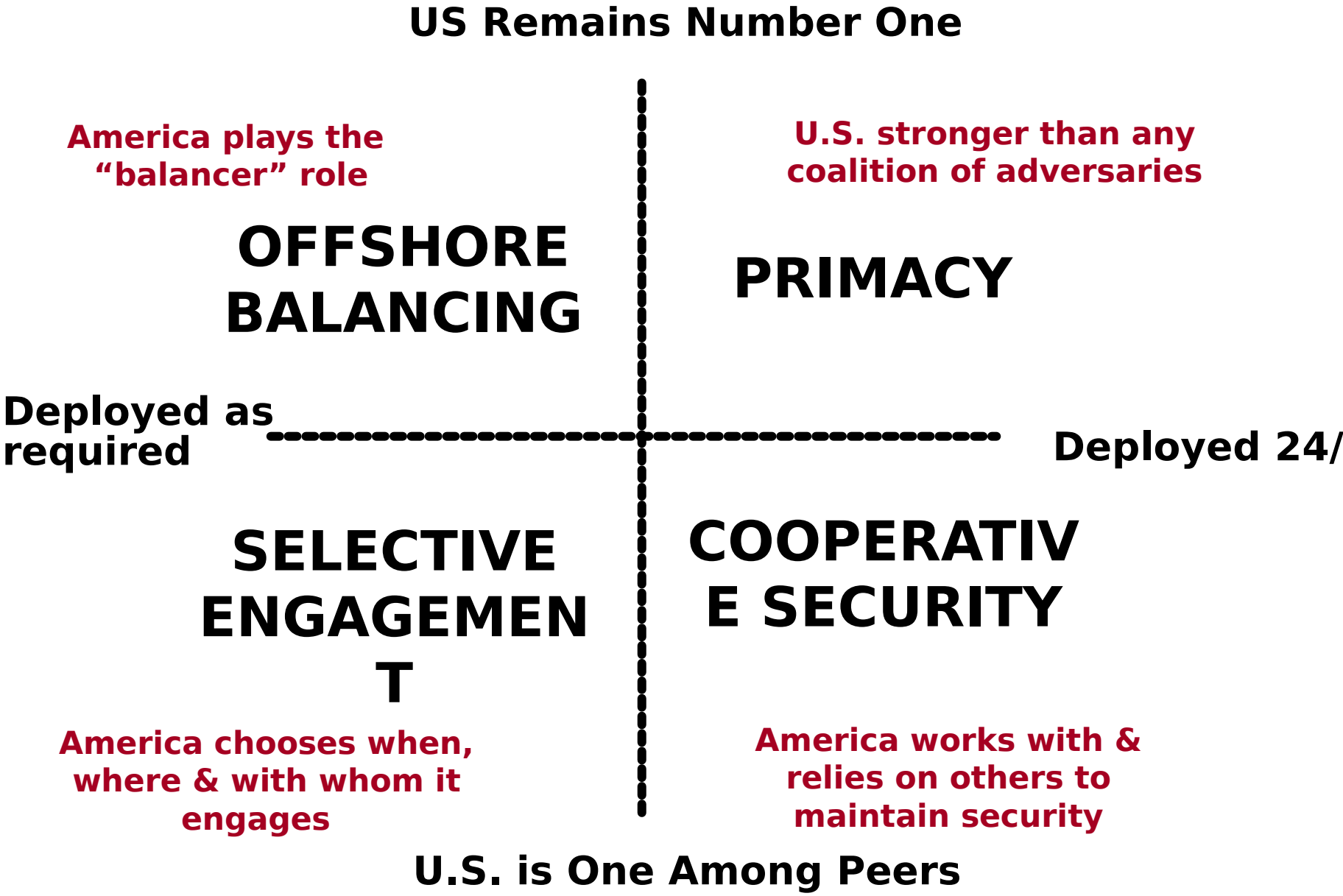
- **Direct**
  - PACOM, SOUTHCOM and JFCOM
- **Indirect**
  - Service Component Commanders Have Represented Their Regional COCOMS
  - JCS Has Represented Others
- **Planned**
  - JCS to Vet Analysis of Alternatives with COCOMs in MAR ‘07

Our Methodology

- **Top Down – Does Not Mean "From Washington"**
  - Grand Strategy First
    - Historical Patterns
    - New Mental Maps
  - Maritime Strategy Must Comport w/Emerging Grand Strategy
    - Weighting in the Framework
    - Analysis Akin to Program Analysis
    - Range of Alternatives
    - Learning Inputs and Outputs

A New Grand Strategy Will Emerge

Potential Grand Strategies


US Remains Number One
America plays the "balancer" role
U.S. stronger than any coalition of adversaries
OFFSHORE BALANCING
PRIMACY
Deployed as required
Deployed 24/
SELECTIVE ENGAGEMENT
COOPERATIVE SECURITY
America chooses when, where & with whom it engages
America works with & relies on others to maintain security
U.S. is One Among Peers

Wild Card Grand Strategies

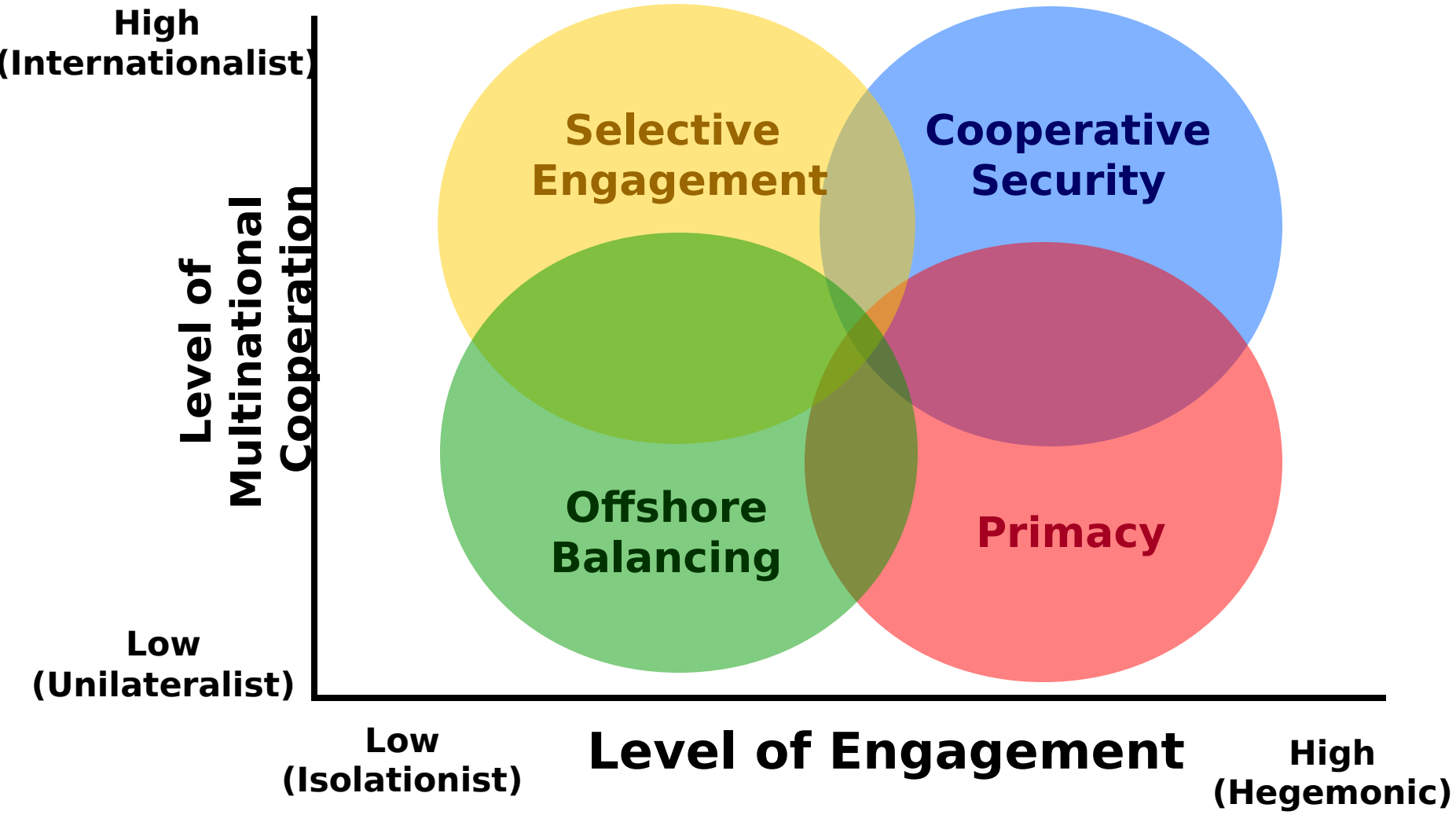
Coalition of Denial

- Friends and Foes Alike Resist US
- Indirect Resistance – Everything but Military Conflict
- No Forward bases

Concert of Power

- U.S., China
- Constructive Rivalry
- Axis for Growth, Stability, Security

The Maritime Strategy Options



Maritime Differentiation

- **Strategic Reserve**
- **Global Economy Rides on Maritime Strategy**
- **America’s Nuclear Deterrent is Predominately at Sea**
- **Naval Missile Defense**
- **Raiding, Not an Occupying Force – Influence Events Ashore**
- **Sovereignty and Basing Independence**
- **Cooperation of Maritime Forces at All Time High**

Link USN, USMC and USCG

Way Ahead

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Events	USMC WF 3/4 Star Conf	MSC III	AFOTS	Current Strategy Forum	DSLC		Intl Seapower Symposium		
CwC's	Atlanta (2/9)	Seattle (3/9) San Fran (3/12) NYC (3/23)	Chicago (4/18)	Philadelphia (5/9)					
Exec Seminars			Nebraska (05 Apr) Stanford (13 Apr) Texas A&M (25 Apr)	Miami (TBD) USNA (08 Jun)					
Analysis/ Vetting	Analysis of Alternatives		Worldwide Vetting	Crafting		Phased Rollout			